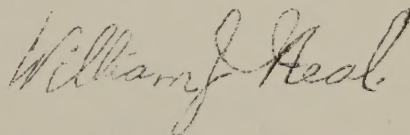


UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
Rural Electrification Administration

Administrative Memorandum

SUBJECT: Method of Determining the Length of an Electric Line

1. Frequently in programs, plans, formal releases, instructions, reports, forms and other documents of a similar nature as well as in day-to-day communications, statements or references are made to or concerning the "length of" a line conducting electric energy; e.g., the "length of" a transmission, distribution or service line or a service drop, as distinguished, for example, from the number of lineal feet of conductor required to construct such a line.
2. Whenever such a previously referred to statement or reference to the "length of" a line is made, it shall be understood, unless the context clearly states otherwise, that the length of such line shall be determined by taking the sum of all straight horizontal distances along the line between the source of power and the terminals of the particular line. Such distances shall be those between the source of power or substation to the first pole or pole stake, between the center of each pole or pole stake to the center of the next pole or pole stake, and between the pole (or poles) or the pole stake (or stakes) to the point (or points) of attachment on the building (or buildings) of a consumer.
3. This Memorandum rescinds General Order No. 113 of May 8, 1939. It also supersedes all other existing instructions in conflict with the provisions of this Memorandum.



Acting Administrator

